

Ivor M. Hughes

Barrister & Solicitor

*Patent & Trade Mark Agents
Canada, United States*

Barrister & Solicitor
Ivor M. Hughes

Patent Agents
Neil H. Hughes, P.Eng.
Marcelo K. Sarkis, P.Eng.

Counsel
Alfred Schorr

Our Ref. PT-1950001

December 18, 2001

VIA COURIER

The Commissioner of Patents,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
2011 South Clark Place,
Crystal Plaza 2, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. 22202

Dear Sir:

**Re: Non-Provisional United States Patent Application
(Based on Provisional United States Patent Application No. 60/256,492)
of Dialysis Solutions Inc.
for STERILE BICARBONATE-FREE DIALYSIS CONCENTRATE
SOLUTIONS
CUSTOMER NO. 23607**

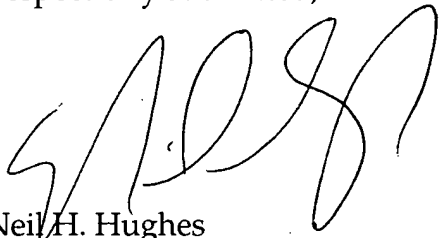
Enclosed herewith please find the following documentation for filing a Non-Provisional United States Patent Application with the Commissioner claiming priority from Provisional United States Patent Application Serial No. 60/256,492:

- (a) Utility Patent Application Transmittal,
- (b) Fee Transmittal for FY 2002,
- (c) Declaration for Utility or Design,
- (d) Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent,
- (e) Declaration for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet,
- (f) Informal Assignment,
- (g) Data Entry Form,
- (h) Abstract,
- (i) Disclosure,
- (j) Claims,
- (k) Provisional filing information of U.S. Applic. No. 60/256,492.

Enclosed along with this material please find a cheque in the amount of **\$1,060.00 U.S. dollars** which includes \$780.00 for the base filing fee of a large entity, \$280.00 for multiple dependent claims, and \$40.00 for the Assignment filing fee. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for filing this Application, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you kindly acknowledge and return to this office at the earliest opportunity. We thank the Commissioner for his cooperation in this regard and look forward to receiving filing data in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil H. Hughes
Registration No. 33,636
Agent for Applicant

NHH:mse
Enclosures

1006121 T880201

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. PT-1950001

First Inventor Sheldon Tobe

Title Sterile Bicarbonate-Free Dialysis
Concentrate Solutions

Express Mail Label No.

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
Provisional
of prior application No.: 60/256,492

Prior application information:

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Labelor ☐ Correspondence address below

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Telephone

Fax

Name (Print/Type)

Neil H. Hughes, P. Eng.

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

33,636

Signature

Date

Dec. 18/01

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Complete If Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Sheldon Tobe
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	PT-1950001

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$1,060.00 USD)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number: 08-3255
 Deposit Account Name: IVOR M. HUGHES

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:
☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	\$740.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$740.00)

EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: 20
 Independent Claims: 2
 Multiple Dependent Claims: 18

Extra Claims: 20** = 0 x \$18 = 0
 2-3** = 0 x \$84 = 0
 \$280 = \$280

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$280.00)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity (\$)	Small Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$40.00
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$40.00)

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Neil H. Hughes, P. Eng.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,636	Telephone	(905) 771-6414
Signature				Date	Dec. 18/01

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.